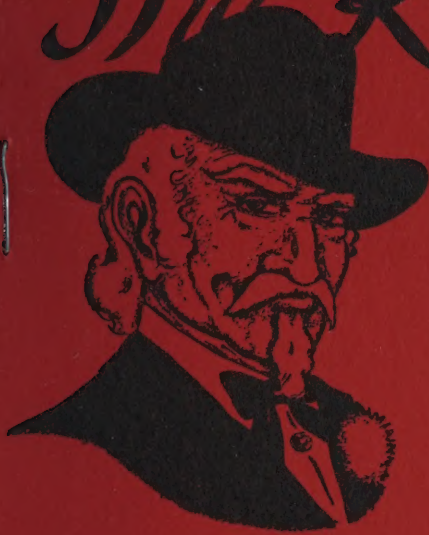


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KSE Gets New Superintendent

When Mr. Howser retired last summer, everyone wondered who would succeed him as superintendent. Both the staff and students were delighted when we learned that our own Mr. Will D. Evans, who had been serving as principal, was to assume the job.

We all know him well. He is a former student of the school. As a member of the faculty, he worked as physical education instructor and coach, orientation and mobility instructor, and dean of students.

Mr. Evans has a warm, friendly way of dealing with people, and we look forward to working with him to implement his educational policies. We think of him not only as our new administrator, but also as a friend.

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We were asked to print the following letter written by Mr. L. F. Howser, which was addressed to Mrs. Mary Jane Sims, one of the senior class sponsors, on May 31, 1974.

May 31, 1974

Mrs. Mary Jane Sims

Dear Mrs. Sims:

The Kentucky Historical Society membership and magazine are both worthy gifts to

be received. My interest in history has been going on for a number of years. The beautiful wooden bowl is a treasure, too. In fact, yesterday was one of the best days of my life. I have many people to thank. This is verbally impossible. Therefore, I am asking each of you to express my thanks to all staff and students who made this day great.

May all of you have a great summer.

Sincerely yours,

L. F. Howser,
Superintendent

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New Staff and Students

Staff:

Kathy Freeland
Linda Kates
James Richardson
Marcia Richmond
Vickie Landwerth
Dr. Ray C. McMillon

Students:

Lawrence Ray Marcum	12/30/68
Vurah Runyon	10/29/68
Jerry Neil Coin	9/20/68
Ricky Moore	4/11/68

Mary Ann Link	8/29/67
Mark Taylor	2/06/67
Martha Gabbard	8/31/66
Donna Sue Jessie	9/05/66
Mark Bartlett	9/30/66
Kevin Webb	3/12/65
Russell Mullins	3/15/66
Jerry Hibbard	5/31/65
Kimberly Holmes	3/19/64
Jeffrey Niles	2/06/64
Keith Drane	8/23/64
Terry Lee Ward	8/06/63
Kevin Cobb	2/11/63
John Funnell	8/22/62
Donald Young	11/11/60
Danny Wayne Beemer	12/15/57
David Foreman	9/02/57
Douglas Ray Keathley	2/17/58

Miss Kates is from Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Kutztown State College, Pennsylvania, where her major was Elementary Education for visual handicapped.

She received a Master of Arts degree from Boston College in Deaf-Blind Education. Miss Kates taught from 1967 to 1969 at Overbrook School for the Blind in Philadelphia. She also taught the deaf-blind from 1970 to 1974. She will be working with the deaf-blind children at KSB.

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Miss Freeland is from McAllen, Texas. She graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Special Education.

Miss Freeland worked at Camp Kysoc last summer before coming to KSB.

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Mrs. Marcia Richmond, a graduate of the University of Louisville, is one of our new teaching assistants here at KSB. Before attending U of L Mrs. Richmond spent three years at Vanderbilt University. She works with the young children at the primary level. We wish you success with your new job.

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Mrs. Vickie Landwerth is working in the office with Mrs. Norma Nichols. She graduated from Oldham County High School. I hope she will enjoy her work.

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Mrs. Barbara Ellis is another of our new staff members working with the deaf-blind children. She graduated from Georgetown University and says she is learning new things every day. We enjoy having her here and hope she will have a good career at KSB.

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Mr. James Richardson will be part-time counselor here this year. Mr. Richardson graduated from Baptist Seminary. He is the husband of Carolyn Richardson, a former home economics teacher here at KSB. Being an ex-army chaplain, he can help others to help themselves with their problems. If you have any problems we urge you to go see Mr. Richardson.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1974-75 SCHOOL YEAR

October 17	Classes end at noon
October 18	No classes
October 21	Classes begin at 8:00 A.M.

November 27	Classes end at noon
November 28	No classes-Thanksgiving Holiday
November 29	No Classes
December 2	Classes begin at 8:00A.M.
December 19	Annual Christmas Party- 12:30 P.M.
December 20	Classes end at noon - Cottages close for Holiday
December 23 through January 3	No classes - Christmas and New Year Holiday
January 5	Cottages open
January 6	Classes begin at 8:00A.M.
January 24	First Semester Ends
February 14	Classes end at noon
February 17	No school
February 18	Classes begin at 8:00A.M.
April 11	Classes end at noon- Cottages close
April 14-18	Spring Vacation
April 17-18	Professional Days for Staff

April 20	Cottages open
April 21	Classes begin at 8:00A.M.
May 26	No School - Memorial Day
June 2-3	Final Exams
June 5	Awards Assembly - Primary and Elementary Programs
June 6	High School Programs
June 7	Graduation
June 7	Cottages close
June 9	Professional Day for Teachers
June 13-14-15	Alumni Reunion
	Yearbook

How would you like to know who's doing what at KSB? We have just the thing for you. Our first yearbook was published last spring, and is now available at the unbelievably low price of three dollars. If you are a braille reader, we offer you a braille copy free when you purchase your print book. You may purchase your copy in the general office, and it will afford you

and your family a bird's-eye view of all that goes on at the school. This is something that will be fun to look over for many years.

K.S.B. SUMMER PROGRAM

From the first week in July until the middle of August thirty-seven students were enrolled in a summer program financed by a grant from the Elementary Secondary Education Act. Most of the children were here for the entire six weeks, and they agreed that they were interested in all of the activities which were offered.

The summer session was divided into three parts: remedial, vocational and daily living skills.

In remedial reading, we concentrated on such problems as word attack skills, comprehension, braille code recognition and increasing reading speed.

The Singer Graflex Company Vocational Educational Unit was used to teach many skills, some of which were welding, sewing, sorting, plumbing and sheet metal work.

The daily living skills part of the program concerned itself, in part, with teaching the use of appliances, money management and simple cooking. House-keeping chores were performed by the students, and good grooming was stressed.

Still another project (for the first time at our school) was working with deaf-blind students. We were fortunate to have teachers from the Overbrook School to handle this segment of our programming. As a result of the success of this program, we now have a class of deaf-blind children enrolled for the regular school term this year.

Various educational field trips were planned. The children were taken to the museum, zoo, and many other interesting and historically important places in and around Louisville. We feel that it was a very worthwhile program and that we accomplished what we set out to do. In short, our purpose was to present experiences to our children which will enrich their lives.

News Notes

The children of the Elementary Department decided at their first class meeting to elect new class officers every two months in order to give the experience of leading a meeting to more people. They chose Kevin Pearl to be President for the first two months and Tim Jones was elected secretary.

As their first project, the children decided on a "Campus Clean-up". They spent their September 21 meeting time in picking up trash. The appearance of the campus was much improved.

The class asks the cooperation of the whole student body to help them keep the building and the grounds clean.

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This year the 10th grade class here at KSB is doing something different as a class project. Everyone's help will be needed and appreciated to help us make

it a success. We will be collecting paper and aluminum to be recycled. If you have any of these materials we would appreciate your effort to bring them in.

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The Junior class will be selling Christmas wrapping paper and cookbooks as soon as our merchandise arrives. Our sales will run through the second week of November.

The wrapping paper will sell for \$1.50, with sixteen sheets size 20 x 30 per package.

The cookbooks will cost \$1.25. There are three different books. They are QUICK AND EASY, MORE FOR YOUR MONEY, and OLD FAMILY RECIPES.

Buy your wrapping paper for all your Christmas presents from the Junior class. You can also buy mom's Christmas present at the same time.

Please support the Junior class and buy our two great Christmas items.

In addition to the usual summer fun, twenty-five of our students spent some time reading! Here is how it worked. Mrs. Frey, our librarian, mailed the books to these children. They read them and returned them to our library. The two students who read the most books are Patty Hoffman and Donny Hayes. We are very proud of them.

There were ten other children who came close to being winners. They were: Shelbie Caldwell, Darlene Runyon, Karen Stacy, Andy Fannin, Tim Jones, Vincent Stiles, Clyde Coulter, Billy Gill, David Green, and Jeff Wheatley.

It's always nice to be able to reward our children when they have made an extra effort and done well! These children deserve the dinner at Jerry's and Mrs. Frey is happy to have gone with them. Congratulations, and keep up the good work.

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We have expanded the business program again this year. Last year we added a general business course to the curriculum

and this year an office practice course has been added. In addition to advanced typing, office practice will include work on the mimeograph, ditto, dictaphone, and adding machines.

SUPER WKCR ON THE AIR AGAIN
Steve Robbins--Grade 11

WKCR is pleased to welcome Dan Beemer to the staff this year. His program of top forty hits will be featured every Wednesday.

This year, instead of a country show once a week, there will be one everyday. Along with this, Kaleidoscope, a public affairs program featuring campus news, old-time radio shows, and informative interviews, will be broadcast each Thursday night.

We believe this new program format will provide WKCR listeners interesting and exciting entertainment during this school year.

HOME EC. NEWS

At this time the Freshman girls' and boys' classes are working in foods units. The other classes are working on basic embroidery stitches.

We hope to have a class on first aid and expect Mrs. Hess and the ladies from The Stitchery Guild back once a month for the creative stitchery class meetings.

The Betty Crocker test this year is scheduled for December 3.

The Juniors will be entering into a unit working with breads about the middle of October.

CAREER EDUCATION

Richard McDowell--Instructor

Vocational education is becoming increasingly important in our educational structure. Educators and students alike are looking at job opportunity and job description with a keener awareness toward the future in an increasingly more complex society.

In our program here at KSB, we hope to approach vocational education in a number of ways. In primary and elementary grades, teachers will be discussing work and giving job descriptions to their students in the early years. In junior high and high school, the students will be given some actual work experiences, and we will have three social studies classes operating from an outline of work and work related areas. The work for the older students in social studies will consist of bringing in speakers from selected job areas to discuss their particular work, and there will be field trips to companies, organizations, and public service areas for personal interviews and tours.

The junior high and high school groups are helping in the development of the class outlines and planning the program which we will follow. We would welcome any suggestions from parents, teachers, or other students which might make these social studies activities more meaningful to our students. It is our hope to point the students at KSB toward goals for their life work that are realistic and attainable.

"HELLO"

"It should begin in the cradle." "It's the most important part of their education." "Every student should have it." I have heard all these statements from individuals on our campus. "It" is orientation and mobility training, and it is all of these.

Beginning in September of 1974, The Kentucky School for the Blind has a Mobility Department of two full-time, certified mobility instructors. We both received our training at Western Michigan University, and between us have had field-work experience with public school children, residential school children, deaf-blind and multi-handicapped children, adults and geriatric adults. We are young and have a lot to do and learn in order to develop the kind of program we want for K.S.B.

Our goal is to meet the mobility needs of all our students. We have a lot to offer to students of all ages, degrees of vision and abilities. You'll be seeing us working on campus, in the neighborhood, at student's homes, downtown and on buses.

We would like to meet parents, and we invite everyone to come see us.

David Stegner
Wanda Biggs
Mobility Department

Editorial WHY WE HAVE STUDY HALL

Study hall is a place to study. There are dictionaries, encyclopedias and other reference books available. It is true that there are some students who use this time for socializing. People who want to study cannot concentrate if others are making noises. Let's set a good example and have quiet at this time.

Richard Barnhart

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Proper school spirit demands that you put the welfare of your school as a whole ahead of the welfare of your class, your

club, your team, or of any other school organization to which you belong. It is not opposed to class spirit or club spirit, but on the contrary thrives best when class spirit and club spirit thrive.

Good school spirit tends to be concerned with everything. It makes itself felt in every school activity. You will see it in assembly, you will see it in the enthusiasm with which students take part in singing, at athletic contests, at school parties, in the classrooms, in the cottages and in every segment of the school program.

You may attend class or school parties, and cheer your team on at athletic contests, but if you fail to support your school paper, if you cut classes or fail to help make school music a success, you are lacking in school spirit because you are putting your own likes and dislikes ahead of the best interests of your school. Proper school spirit will make you cooperative. It will make all of us want to pull together. It will teach all of us to sacrifice our own wishes for the common good of our school.

If you have the right school spirit, your conduct as an individual will soon show it. No one will need to tell you rules and regulations. You will learn them and follow them, and encourage others to do likewise. Your pride in the general appearance of your school will see to it that you and others do not throw trash on the floors, deface walls, or make yourself a general nuisance in any way. In short, if you have school spirit, you will show it by your eagerness to serve your teachers, your fellow students, or even a chance visitor on the campus.

Let us not forget that a lack of school spirit is just as evident as good school spirit. In a school with poor school spirit you will frequently find all sorts of cliques and selfish groups. This student is jealous of that one and one group of another. Eddie refuses to go out for the team because he doesn't like the coach or because someone has been named captain. Peggy drops out of the school play because Mary has the leading part. And so it goes, on and on. This

sort of school always has its know-it-alls. They oppose this and they oppose that. In fact, they are not prominent. Others take up the habit, and dissatisfaction becomes widespread.

So let's take stock of ourselves. Do you put your school before yourself? Are you trying to serve others? And remember this, "He profits most who serves best."

FOOD SERVICE

An example of a typical weekday menu here at KSB.

Breakfast: juice, fried eggs, toast
jelly, milk and coffee.

Lunch: spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed
salad with French dressing, hot
rolls, mixed fruit, oatmeal
cookies

Supper: chopped ham, buttered cabbage,
mashed potatoes, carrot
sticks, applesauce.

The above typical menu for one day at our school will give you an idea of the excellent job which the food service

personnel does in preparing food for our students and staff. Considering the high cost of food and the budget within which they operate, we are sure you will agree with us that they do an outstanding job.

SATURDAY NIGHT FUN Virginia Madden - Grade 11

Saturday night, September 14, in the Gregory Gym, a "welcome back to school party" was held. The party was sponsored by Mary Smith. Records were provided by WAKY radio. Refreshments were served and were very good. Everyone seemed to enjoy renewing old friendships and starting new ones. Thank you, Mary, and everyone else who made the party such a great success.

Students from Merwin and Huntoon, gathered on the courtyard last Saturday night, September 20, for their second party of the year. Music was provided by the band "New Evolution." Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy the band and had a very pleasant evening.

SPORTS

The first girls' track meet of the year was held in Columbus, Ohio, on September 14, 1974. It was a three-way track meet with Ohio finishing first with 58 points, Kentucky second with 39, and Wisconsin third with 18. The following week the girls' and boys' track teams traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for a 2-way track meet. The girls lost 66 to 33. The members of the girls' team are as follows: Shirley Cain, Faye Cain, Wanda Ward, Virginia Madden, Theresa Ridner, Mary Barnes, Karen Deaton, Valerie Evans, Dorothy Eubanks, Linda Haebertlin, Kathy Stokes, Debbie Cheek, Debbie Broyles, Rhonda Spurlock and Helen Young, manager.

The boys lost in Ohio 86 1/2 to 38 1/2. The next week the boys went to Illinois for a 3-way meet with Illinois taking first with 68 1/2 points, Missouri 53, and Kentucky with 31 1/2. Outstanding performances were made by Richard Barnhart, Doug Keathley, Jerry Wheatley and Danny Beemer, who scored points in both meets. Mike Ward and Scott

Townsley have also scored points in a meet. The mile tandem composed of Leslie Riggs and Ray Martin, is showing marked improvement. The co-captains are Doug Keathley, and Richard Barnhart. Also on the team is Kenneth Jones.

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We are including excerpts from the Maysville-Independent article about the tragic death of one of our former students, Jeff Curtis.

JEFFREY CURTIS DROWNS WHILE SCUBA DIVING

Jeffrey Curtis, an 18-year-old sophomore at Morehead State University, drowned Friday, July 5, 1974, while scuba diving at Live Oak, Fla.

Curtis was a native of Maysville, lived at 417 Wood Street, and was a son of Raymond T. and Hazel Hunt Curtis.

Curtis was born September 26, 1955. He graduated June 5, 1972 from the Kentucky School for the Blind in Louisville, where he served as class president for four years.

He was on the honor roll each semester.

He was extremely active in school affairs and won the Excellence in Journalism award for his feature articles in his school newspaper, "The Kentucky Colonel." While in Louisville, he wrestled on the school team for five years and claimed many awards in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri.

Curtis won the Elbridge A. Stuart scholarship for 1973-74 and it was renewed for this coming school year. He had completed his freshman classes at MSU, where he was majoring in physical education. He made the dean's list both semesters and it was in Morehead that he became a certified diver.

His interests were varied. He was a member of the high school band for four years, was on the swimming team for three years and on the track team for four years. In addition, he was a member of the photography class and was a Boy Scout for four years. He was affiliated with the Central Baptist Church.

All of us here at school will miss Jeff and we want to express our sincere sympathy to his family. He was our friend and companion and although he is no longer with us we will not forget him.

